



James Jobe

January 5, 1953 - January 31, 2026

On Saturday, January 31, 2026, James Bradley Jobe, 73, passed away peacefully at his home in Tallahassee. Born in Searcy, Arkansas, James was 16 years old when his family moved to Tallahassee from Corpus Christi, Texas, to open the first Whataburger in town. James graduated from Godby High School and then Florida State University, where he played tenor saxophone as a member of the Marching Chiefs. A Certified Public Accountant, James began his career in private practice but ultimately retired in 2018 from a decades-long career in public service with the Florida Department of Transportation.

A life-long science fiction fan, James loved to read, fish, and travel on his Harley-Davidson. James was a beloved father, husband, son, grandfather, and a friend to many. James is predeceased by his father, Bradley Jobe, Jr., his mother, Bobbie Jobe, his sister, Pamela Jobe Ryan, and his daughter, Kimberly Long. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Lori Jobe, daughter Erika Branchcomb, son-in-law Andrew Branchcomb, stepdaughter Sadie Gruber, and grandchildren Jasmine Long, Gavin Long, and Emelia Branchcomb. The family held a private celebration of life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.